

Pallister Park Primary School Newsletter Spring 2018

New Year 2018!

We are delighted to be back at school and look forward to another successful year. 2017 was an exciting one for our school. We all enjoyed the wonderful Christmas concerts that the children and staff produced last term, it was amazing. Our school continues to grow and we have admitted many new families this term and hope that they all have a wonderful time with us.

Head Lice Advice

All the schools in the area are attempting to address the very annoying issue of Head Lice. The School Health Service are doing a talk for any parents who would like some advice on preventing and dealing with this issue on **Monday 15th January 2018 at 9am** in the main school hall. They are offering some free treatments for you to take home at this event, so please attend if you can.

Winter weather

Compared to other parts of the country we have been very lucky so far this winter, but we know things can change! Whenever possible, Pallister Park School will stay open. If we are forced to close, announcements will be on the local radio stations and on our school Twitter and App. Please do not ring the school if it is a snowy day, or believe something that has been posted on Facebook! It is extremely rare that we have to take this action as our staff make every effort to get into school whenever possible. On very cold or wet days children are brought into school at 8.45am by the staff, please do not send them to school before this time on any day.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Each year the government collect school data on a specific day regarding pupil numbers, staff etc. This year it is Thursday 18th January 2018. This data generates the funds that the school receives for the coming year. Free School Meals is one of the factors included. If you think that your child/children are entitled but you are not claiming Free School Meals at the moment we would appreciate you registering to enable us to claim additional funding. You may be entitled to free meals if you are receipt of qualifying.

Please contact Miss Jeffels at the school office if you think you may be entitled, application forms are available at the school office, please call, if possible by Tuesday 16th January. Your child does not need to take school meals, however it does increase our funding if you are registered. Thank you.

Attendance & Punctuality

The whole school attendance for the Autumn Term 2017 was 94.7%. Please continue to ensure your child attends whenever possible, and that you contact the school on the first day of absence to ensure we know the reason. Punctuality is also very important and is achieved by the vast majority of our children. Please help us to achieve our target of 96% this term.

Dates for your diary.....

Friday 26 th January -	PD Day (School closed for the children)
Friday 9 th February -	School closes for Half Term 3.00pm
Monday 19 th February -	School re-opens for the children at 8.55am
Monday 26 th February - & Wednesday 28 th February	Parents Consultation Evenings (details to follow)
Thursday 1 st March -	World Book Day (Details to follow)
Thursday 29 th March -	School closes for Easter Holiday at 3.00pm
Monday 16 th April -	School re-opens at 8.55am

Dates for year group trips and any other events will be sent out, as usual, at the appropriate times.

Holidays

May we remind you that following the implementation of new legal guidelines, holidays during term time can now only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances and with permission from the school prior to booking. Forms are available from the school office.

Year 6 SAT's take place in May and the children will be taking them in the week commencing 14th May 2018, it is vitally important that these children do not take any holiday before or during this time.

